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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. LAOTIAN PROTOCOL NEARLY COMPLETE

LAOTIAN INTERIOR MINISTER PHENG PHONGSAVAN HAS TOLD OUR CHARGE IN VIENTIANE THAT HE EXPECTS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE OPPOSING SIDES IN LAOS TO BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 11 AND A PROTOCOL SIGNED BY AUGUST 15. PHENG STATED IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO FORM A COALITION GOVERNMENT WITHIN EIGHT TO TEN DAYS AFTER THE PROTOCOL IS SIGNED. ACCORDING TO PHENG, THE DOCUMENT WILL CALL FOR THE RELEASE OF ALL WAR PRISONERS IN THREE PHASES CONNECTED TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM LAOS. (SECRET) VIENTIANE 5492, 8/7.

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2. CHIANG CHING-KUO DISCUSSES TRENDS IN TAIWAN

REPUBLIC OF CHINA PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO HAS TOLD AMB-
ASSADOR MCCONAUGHY IN TAIPEI THAT HIS AIM IS TO STRENGTHEN
TAIWAN'S UNITY AND TO MOVE TOWARD AN OPEN SOCIETY. CHIANG ALSO
STATED HE INTENDS TO ELIMINATE THE GAP BETWEEN CHINESE AND NATIVE
TAIWANESE. DENYING PERSISTENT RUMORS THAT THE ROC IS ENGAGED IN
UNIFICATION TALKS WITH THE PRC, CHIANG ASSERTED THAT THE ROC
WOULD UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES DISCUSS UNIFICATION WITH THE PRC.
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